A SURVIVOR OF FORT FISHER

Doines to the Defense of His Old Comrades. He Tells What He Knows About That Fiercely Contested Battle-Rev. J. A. Replies to General Bragg

Smith, Editor of the Fair Bluff Times, 4th, 1897, contains a letter said to have been written by General Braxton Bragg to ex-Governor Bragg, telling him how Fort Fisher was captured. He says that the officers and soldiers were drunk and in the bomb proofs, and the Yankees walked in and took possession. Thirty-two years have passed and gone since the fall of Fort Fisher and it is a great and sore calamity to the survivors of the Bragg family that such an infamous letter should have been brought to light. It would have been far better for it to have remained amid the family rubbish than to be brought forward to misrepresent and slander as brave and patriotic soldiers as ever unsheathed the sword in the day of battle. It is a gross insult both to the fiving and the dead and should receive the condemnation of all who believe in defending the eternal principles of truth and justice. The Fort Fisher veterans are not all dead, and those who read The Messenger of December 4th, must have experienced a feeling of the most intense indignation at the statements made in the letter, said to have been written by General Bragg. Many of them are utterly false and without foundation, and full of much injustice to the brave men who fell at Fort Fisher, as well as the few veterans who still survive. The letter of Bragg is unworthy of the pen of one who would style himself a great commander, and it is totally unlike the spirit of the other great commanders who led the Confederate host in the day of battle. The letter is a cruel fling at Major-General Whiting, who was a gallant officer, loved and respected by all his men. The author of this article was in the battle of Fisher from beginning to end and we are, therefore in a position to vindicate the right against the wrong. As we were but a beardless youth at the time of the battle and years have passed and gone, we have interviewed those who were older men at the time of the battle. Out next door neighbor, who is one of the oldest men in Columbus county, and is a worthy member of Fisher. Bragg also says: "The fightthe church, belonged to McBryde's ing done was no doubt by the veterans company in the 40th regiment and was in the entire fight, says that General Bragg's letter is indeed news to him, and that many of his statements are uterly false. He was, during the fight, in a different section of the fort from than the author of this article, and he says that he nowhere saw either officers or men under the influence of whiskey or manifesting the slightest de gree of cowardice. In his letter General Bragg makes this strong statement: "The enemy when meeting us under a flag of truce, asserted that they walked into the fort without resistance, not a shot being fired at them, and the men being in the bomb proofs." We felt like taking a god cry when we saw this statement, for each soldier in that ill-fated garrison knows that it is entirely false. The author of this article was a member of Company D, 1st North Carolina Heavy Artillery, commanded by Captain James L. McCormick, who was killed in this memorable fight. Our company during the severe and terrified shelling of the fort on Sunday evening was on the extreme left of the fort _ext to Wilmington. As we were somewhat protected from the shelling behind the last two traverses we were commanded to man the pallisades at the gate, and our company was immediately put in line of battle from the gate to the edge of the water in the Cape Fear river. One or two brass howitzers belonging to 'Adams' light battery was in the same position, Captain Braddy's company was on our immediate right and we had scarcely assumed this position before we saw the blue coats coming down the river beach as thick as the locusts of Egypt. We immediately opened upon them a galling and destructive fire. Our first volley produced such a panic that they retired for a short time, and the surviving members of Company D. who were at the gate with their own brave Captain McCormick will remember how they were cen sured by Captain McCormick for shooting at a wounded man who was rapidly crawling away—the boys did not think the man was wounded, but adopted this ruse to escape. Shortly after this the enemy made a terrible dash at the gate and at the same time those of us who belonged to Company D. recognized the enemy on the tops of the parapets just behind us. They had broken line somewhere on our right and had scaled the parapets behind us. If there was a neglect of duty anywhere it was not in putting more men on the right of Captain Braddy's company. It was impossible for those of us who were at the gate to escape and Honorable Zack Filmore, formerly of Robeson county, but now of Texas, gave the signal to surrender | bers. and those of us at the gate fell into

torney-at-law, Lumberton, N. C., was States navy for breach of the blockade. a sergeant in Company D. He also was at the gate and can substantiate these statements. Mr. Edwin Purcell, of Robeson county, who was a sergeant in company D. at the time on detached service at Reave's Battery just across the river. He was using a spyglass and saw the charge and its results, and he told us two years ago as we were looking at the panorama of Gettysburg, which was on exhibition at Maxton, that the charge and defence at the gate of Fort Fisher looked as terrific as Gettysburg.

into the fort without a shot.

There are men on earth to-day whose testimony is just as strong and conclusive as that of General Bragg, if he was a confederate general. At the same time the desperate charge was being made at he points just indicated the United States marines made a desperate assault on the sea face of Fort Fisher and they were repulsed with heavy loss. A few years ago an old painter known as "Uncle Billie Cushing' lived a short distance from Fair Bluff. During the Fisher fight Roanoke Island to be erected? Where he was on one of the gun boats and are the two confederate major genhas told the author of this article several times that the slaughter of the

marines was great. General Terry, the commander of the dederal forces, takes a different view | Colonel Fremantle, of the British of Fisher's defense than General army, was in Charleston in June 1863. valor, worthy of a better cause."

ed there is almost a dream, but ac- appreciated that importance. The Messenger Bureau, of December ting just here, and we are glad to be

cording to our best judgment and belief Bragg falsely assails General Whitable to state for the benefit of all the friends and relatives of General Whitting, that according to our recollection this is a base slander. On the Thursday evening before the fight we were summoned to Wilmington by a telegram from General Whitting. We found out afterwards that some friend had secured for us an easy army posi- Harriss writes him as follows: tion about headquarters, either as a clerk or courier for the court martial. On Friday morning when we went to report to General Whiting some one told us that he had gone down to Market dock to take the steamer Cape Fear for Fort Fisher. We hastened down to the dock and also boarded the steamer. Mr. Hiram Conoly, of Antioch, N. C., accompanied us to the steamer and can remember how anxious we were to report to General Whiting. We quietly stood on deck until the famous Dram Tree was passed and then we saluted General Whitting and handed him our telegram and awaited his orders. We were with him on the deck of the Cape Fear until he landed with his staff amid a shrower of shot and shell at the battery Buchannan or near this point. During the entire trip from Wilmington to the fort General Whiting was not surrounded by blockade runners or money rings but simply by his staff and a "w faithful soldiers on the way to join their respective commands. We saw no drinking on the part of either General Whiting or his staff same way and as long as life shall last we will remember two remarks of General Whitting: "Boys, they have come to hurt us this time," and addressing us personally he said: "We will meet again when the fight is over." At Battery Buchanan we parted with General Whiting and fell in with company D., which was ordered from Caswell into the fight. We never saw Whiting after this but up to the time we left him we feel it to be our duty for his own sake as well as a beloved wife who still survives him to defend his name and character while on the trip from Wilmington to who reached the fort from Hoke's command." This last statement literally 'cooks the goose" and brands the entire letter of General Bragg with infamy. It used to be current in army circles that he loved to shoot his men for the most trivial offences, but this shows that he loved to slander when he could not shoot. The statement about Hoke's veterans shows with mathematical clearness that General Bragg's imagination did all the writing without any regard to facts. The veterans did not reach the fort in time to say even "good-bye" to those of us who were captured. The truth of the matter in a nut shell is simply this General Bragg tried to defend his own gross and criminal neglect of duty by charging the officers and men of Fort Fisher in the crimes of which they were innocent. It may be that a few men and officers got hold of intoxicating drink, but we saw none incapacitated for duty from this source, and we were not in a bomb-proof, but in the

BLOCKADE RUNNERS

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gate facing all the music. We could

not resist making this defence of Fort

blood of our dead comrades as we read

General Braggs' letter in last Sunday's

Fisher, its officers and men, for the

Information Desired by a Federal Officer Who Was Engaged in Blockade Service off Southern Ports-The Capture of Fort

on over Fort Fisher the following letter to Mr. James Sprunt will be read with interest:

Lowell, Mass., December 13, 1897. James Sprunt, Esq., Wilmington, N. C.: Dear Sir-Colonel William Lamb has referred me to you for information which he is unable to give, touching events of the war epoch.

On June 20th, 1861, the United States steamship Flag captured the brig narrow beach. The ordinary investment Hannah Balch for violation of the of the work by gradual approaches blockade of Savannah, put a prize crew on board, and sent her towards Philadelphia. But on June 25th, the Confederate steamship Coffee (afterwards Winslow) overtook her off Cape Hatteras, captured her, and took her into Wilmington, N. C., where she was conwas the name of the judge of the Confederate district court at Wilmington then? and are the records of that court still preserved? Was not the condemnation of that brig as a prize to the Confederate navy predicated on the validity of her capture by the Flag? If not lawfully captured by the Flag, her prize crew were mere rob-

In the Confederate district court at the hands of the enemy several hours | Charleston, Judge Magrath, in that before the fort surrendered. If Gen- year, (1861) condemned as lawful prize eral Bragg had seen the number of to the Confederate navy a vessel predead and wounded both outside and in- viously captured by the United States side the gate he never would have navy for breach of blockade; his decree hand to hand contest. made such a statement about walking of condemnation being predicted (as he "As Americans, once more reunited tell the truth in his statement to the Honorable Thos. A. McNeill, at- her previous capture by the United in the valor and heroism displayed by If you lived in Wilmington during the war, perhaps you can inform me whether there were any officers of any rades to know that I have no apologies foreign navy, who ran the blockade of to make for risking my life for what I Wilmington, or that of Charleston, ex- thought was right, nor will I eyer cease cepit Roberts, Murray, Burgoyne, to love my noble confederate comrades Brooks and Hewett of the British navy. who died in battle by my side; but I In a book on the "Siege of Charleston" | have lived to feel that it was best that now in preparation, I want to mention all the foreign naval officers, and all the foreign army officers, who ran the blockade of Charleston. I have heretofore learned of only two, Roberts and | flag forevermore." Murray, who are said to have gone to Charleston, but I have not learned in the monitor Canonicus and led the navwhat ship they went to Charleston; al assault on Fort Fisher, also endorsnor in what books the blockade running exploits of any foreign naval officers are recorded, except those of

Roberts recorded in Hobart Pasha's "Sketches of my Life." With what historical society are you connected? and does it give any attention to the war, particularly the opera-Carolina, Georgia, and Florida?

erals Whiting buried? In their boyhood they lived for a time in Lowell. I ands of sufferers from Lame Back and send you some papers, which may in-

terest you. Bragg. In his report he says: "The Was he not in Wilmington? I was a by the use of Electric Bitters. Deliconfederates fought with desperate naval judge advocate, attached to the cate women should keep this remedy staff of Admiral Dahlgren command- on hand to build up the system. Only In his letter Bragg says: "It is ing the South Atlantic Blockade Squad- 50c. per bottle. For sale by R. R. Bel

here for the fort with a party of these | Florida. It was not until European ofmoney rings called blockade-runners ficers had recognized the importance of with a large supply of material to pro- the naval and military operations on duce this result." We were so young the Atlantic coast that we Americans, that Fort Fisher and all that happen- alike of the north and the south, fairly

Very Respectfully, CHARLES COWLEY. [Signed.] P. S.-I enclose a report of a "Dog Watch" of a late date, which may in-

terest you. NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE BALCH. Mr. James Sprunt could only answer Judge Cowley's questions in part and he referred his letter to Mr. Geo. Harriss, one of our oldest and best posted citizens on matters hereabouts, and Mr.

Wilmington, N. C., December 15, James Sprunt, Esq., City:

Dear Sir-Replying to your favor o even date, I beg to state that I have no recollection of the brig Hannah Balch having been brought into this port and must think it a mistake. There were several vessels captured by Confederate States gun boats and taken to Hatteras Inlet and there recaptured by Burnsides' fleet and the masters and crews of many vessels destroyed at sea by by Confederate States cruisers were brought in here.

Yours truly in haste, GEO HARRISS. DOG WATCH BY DAHLGREN'S

VETERANS. The following is the newspaper ac count of the Dog Watch, referred to by Judge Cowley:

The dog watch of the Dahlgren Association of Naval Veterans, in Memorial hall, last night, was a very interesting one, both for the Naval Veterans, Sons of Veterans, and Grand Army and civilian guests. Captain J. A. Garmon presided, Commander G. R. Fulton of-Every one looked serious and felt the fered prayer, and a bountiful collation was enjoyed.

Judge Cowley referred to three rear admirals with whom he had served who recently died-Worden, Clitz and Rhind. It was Rhind who commanded the Keokuk in the assault on Fort Sumter, when she was so badly damaged that she sank the next morning. It was Rhind who took the powder boat to Fort Fisher, one of the most perilous operations of the war. Two more admirals. Daniel Ammen of Washington and Joseph F. Green of Brookline, are lying at the point of death; brave men, who rendered valuable service, and whose memories

ought not to be forgotten. Judge Cowley spoke of the efficient co-operated on many momentous occasions. Wherever this was wanting, there was defeat. For example, had the army column that was expected to attack one face of Sumter while the navy assaulted another face of that work in September, we should have taken that fort. For want of the expected aid of Gilmore's army, all of our Admiral Dahlgren's sailors who got into Fort Sumter were either killed or captured. In the capture of Fort Fisher on the other hand, we had a fine exemplification of the success which was won by co-operation.

Judge Cowley read a letter from General Adelbert Ames, who had the immediate command of all the troops engaged in the capture of Fort Fisher, saying:

"The simplest statement of the capture of Fort Fisher is, without the navy the army could not have taken it, and without the army the navy could not have taken it. Each arm of the service had its own work to do, and in my judgment they both did well." In General Ames' lecture on the capture of Fort Fisher, in Memorial hall, some months ago, unstinted praise was given to the navy.

Judge Cowley also read a very interesting letter from Colonel William Lamb, who commanded the confederate garrison of Fort Fisher and who is now mayor of Norfolk, Va., saying: "The capture of the last gateway of the south could never have been effected by one arm of your service alone. It was the intelligent co-operation of In view of the discussion now going the army and navy which enabled you to bring upon its garrison the combined forces of ten thousand muskets on shore and six hundred guns affoat. But for the fleet and its destruction, after three day's bombardment, of inlandface defences, no military force sent against the work could have survived the subterra torpedoes, the enfilading musketry fire from the palisades, and the grape and cannister of twenty heavy guns and four Napoleons on that would have been impracticable with the Cape Fear river in possession of the

"On the other hand, the fleet could not have entered the river or captured the work, as long as the sub-marine torpedoes and seaface guns remained demned as a confererate prize. What | intact; and as they could not be enfiladed, the fleet could not destroy them. Not a single face gun was injured by the bombardment. Those disabled were disabled from explosions.

confederates.

"It was the first time in the history of war that the power of the navy was displayed in dispensing with the usual long and tedious investment by the troops on land of a formidable fortification, leaving them fresh for the assault when the injury to the work renwere subjected to a fire which prevented them from obtaining the necessary food and rest esential to a prolonged

afterwards told me) on the validity of under the old flag, we should feel pride those who wore the blue and the gray in the battle at Fort Fisher.

"In conclusion I want my federal comour great country should have remained one and united, and I have learned to look with pride upon the old flag again as my flag and my children's

Admiral Belknap, who commanded ed. by letter, the opinion of Colonel Lamb.

The Coming Woman

Who goes to the club while her husband tends the baby, as well as the good old-fashioned woman who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be When is the proposed monument on | troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thous-Weak Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Female complaints and Nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved known that General Whitting left ron off South Carolina, Georgia, and lamy.

FILIBUSTERING EXPEDITION

THE SCHOONER SILVER HEELS REFUSED CLEARANCE!

The Mate Filled Up With Boose and Gave Her Away to a Detective-He Says She Transferred a Cargo of War Material to the Tug Dauntiess at Sea-District Attorney Ayenck Investigates the Case-He Ordered Clearance l'apers to be Withheld

A considerable sensation was created in the city yesterday by the arrival here of United States District Attorney C. B. Aycock, of Goldsboro, who was sent here by the treasury departmen't to investigate the American schooner Silver Heels in connection with her alleged connection with a Cuban fillbustering expedition.

The district attorney came here on account of information furnished to the treasury department by the Spanish minister at Washington, through Mr. F. A. Lord, Spanish vice consul here and detectives who were sent here in the interest of the Spanish government. The Silver Heels arrived in Wilmington on the 5th instant, and after being here a few days she was chartered by the Kidder Lumber Company to take

a cargo of lumber to Barbadoes. The Silver Heels left New York under suspicion, and she has been under close surveillance since her arrival in this port. A few days ago her mate Alfred Thompson, a Maine man, while under the influence of liquor, made a statement to a Spanish detective to the effect that upon leaving New York the Silver Heels carried out a cargo of arms and ammunition and transferred them out at sea to the famous filibuster steam tug Dauntless which carried them to Cuba. He gave the details of load of baking powder at one time unthe matter to the detectives, and the Spanish authorities laid the matter before the treasury department.

Attorney Aycock made a thorough investigation of the Silver Heels. Her phasizes forcibly the popularity of the nanner in which the army and navy master, Captain Peter Quinlan, Mate Good Luck" brand. It is a matter of Thompson, and two of the crew were summoned before him and he examined many evidences of the progressive them and took their sworn statements concerning the vessel and her move-

> Mate Thompson made a sworn statement he is alleged to have made to the Spanish detective. He said he was the detective, and has no recollection the vessel transferred a cargo of arms and ammunition to the Dauntless.

The testimony of the captain, the respondents. mate and the two men was that the Silver Heels cleared from New York October 17th with a part cargo of coal as ballast bound for Norfolk or Wilmington for a charter to the West Indies. She arrived in Wilmington December 5th, with ninety tons of coal aboard and the captain sold it to Mr. J. A. Springer, dealer in wood and

October 17th, and having been heard no more of until she arrived here fifty days afterwards, this circumstance was very suspicious. In their examination the captain, the mate and the men testify that the vessel was driven off the coast by head winds, bad weather and rough sea, and that this accounts for her very long passage. They state that they had not been in any other port since leaving New York, October 17th, and their arrival in Wilmington December 5th, and that they had no other cargo than coal aboard the schoquer, had not delivered any of the cargo to any other vessel and that upon arrival here the coal aboard was sold to Mr. Springer. They also state that the crew consisted of five when the vessel left New York and that is the number of the crew now.

The district attorney also examined Major Lee, Robert Russ, John Anderson and Henry Lewis, stevedores, and they testified that they had loaded the vessel with lumber at Kidder's mill since the coal was discharged, and that she had no other cargo.

The Silver Heels has finished loading and was ready to leave port today, but she will be refused clearance until the dered it practicable, while the besieged facts are laid before the treasury department and an order is sent here for manifest to be given her.

The question is did Mate Thompson detective or the one to the district at-

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THE CONVICT FARMS

Promising Outlook at the State Farm in Anson County-Senator Clark, One of the Penitentiary Directors Opposed to Leasing More Lands-He Wants the Coevicts to Work the Public Roads

Senator Clark, of Halifax, and Mr. R. R. Cotten, of Faulkland, directors of the North Carolina penitentiary, reached the city yesterday on their way to Castle Haynes farm. They are just from the Anson county farm. Senator Clark said yesterday to a Messenger representative: "We were very much pleased with the farm. It is a fine farm with a splendid soil which can be readily improved. The manager, Mr. R. P. Rheinhart, is a hustling man and thoroughly interested in his work, and if he is encouraged and this farm is given the same showing as the others, there is no reason why, under the excellent management of the present supervisor, it should not equal the other state farms in production." Senator Clark added: "I am out and out

opposed to leasing any more lands by the state. There is a growing, and I think, a prevailing sentiment in the state in favor of working the convicts upon the public roads in the respective counties by the county authorities. This sentiment will materialize and lessen the number of convicts to be hereafter sent to the penitentiary, hence, in the near future we will not have enough convicts to work the farms now leased by the state. Those now on the railroads are badly needed CAR LOAD OF OTHER on the farms. As a considerable number go out soon by reason of an expiration of their terms, I am uneasy about the future cultivation of the farms. We have been badly crippled this year by allowing too many to be sent out on the railroads and other contract work."

No man ever respects a woman who does not respect herself.

so went to the American cemetery, which is the property of the United States government. In the cemetery

are buried many a soldier which fell in the war with Mexico. Late in the afternoon he called on General Clayton, the American minister, and this evening gave a dinner to a great crowd of people at the School of Mines, one of the largest and most notable edifices in the city, which had been placed at his disposal by the government.

Bryan in Mexico

City of Mexico, December 17.-The

Bryan party visited several manufac-

turing establishments today. They al-

MARRIED.

DICK-DRAPER-In St. James' church Wednesday, December 15th, by Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, Mr. W. A. Dick and Miss Nellie W. Draper,

DIED.

SANDERS-Seturday morning, Mrs. Veritas Alston Sanders, aged 64 years. TWINING-Mrs. S. E. Twining died yesterday, 18th, at 4:30 a. m., aged 34 years 10 months and 2 days.

MAREDIA-At St. Phillips, Brunswick county, Monday night December 13th, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Maredia, aged 44 years.

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CHARLES W. WORTH, JAMES S. WORTH, Executors of David G. Worth, Deceased ... de 10 lw wekly 5w

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